



Planned Giving Fact Sheet

Leaving a Legacy of Love

Many animal lovers dream of making a substantial donation to help ODAS continue to care for the many deserving homeless pets in our community, yet they do not believe they are financially able to make a large gift. For these individuals, planned giving provides a number of opportunities that will allow their kindness and devotion to animals continue for years to come.

Planned giving takes many forms and, in some cases, can provide you with additional income and/or reduce the amount of taxes you would regularly pay. Planned gifts, which are arranged by you and your attorney or financial advisor, include:

Wills and Bequests:

Making a will is not only one of the most important ways to ensure that your personal wishes are honored; it is also one of the best ways to help support a favorite cause. Bequests large and small speak powerfully to future generations about who you are and the causes and places that are important to you.

When determining how you would like to include Open Door in your will, you have many options, such as:

- ⇒ Including Open Door Animal Sanctuary for a percentage of your estate
- ⇒ Giving a specific dollar amount
- ⇒ Giving specific assets

Retirement Plans:

Giving a retirement plan as a gift (401(k) plans, IRAs, stock bonus plans, etc.), may help reduce taxes for yourself and/or your heirs.

Real Estate:

Gifts of real estate may include: undeveloped land, a commercial property, a vacation home, or a personal residence. Whether you give a gift or real estate outright or make a gift of the remaining interest in that property while you are still using the property, such a gift may entitle you to sizeable tax deductions.

Life Insurance:

Make your gift quickly with a life insurance policy designation. You can designate Open Door Animal Sanctuary to receive all or part of the proceeds of a life insurance policy. Ask your insurance company for a beneficiary designation form.

Stock:

Appreciated marketable securities such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds are a simple method of giving that may allow you tax deductions.

***Please contact our Executive Director at Tracie@odas.org or call 636-671-3643 for more information regarding planned giving. Open Door Animal Sanctuary is a non-profit 501c (3) organization, receives no government funding and does not provide tax or legal advice with respect to gifts. All gifts are subject to the ODAS gift acceptance policy. We greatly appreciate any and all gifts we receive. Please consult your attorney or financial advisor about which planned giving opportunity is right for you.**